



# **MONTANA LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

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### **Legislative Finance Committee Tentative Agenda October 6 and 7, 2005 State Capitol – Hearing Room 102**

**Thursday, October 6**

- 1:00 Call to Order and Roll Call - Chairman Cobb
- 1:05 Approval of minutes of June 17, 2005 LFC meeting
- 1:15 Attorney General Opinion regarding Expenditure Limitation Statute: What does it mean? Where to From Here? – Greg Petesch

#### **Budget Oversight/Monitoring Issues**

- 1:45 Department of Public Health and Human Services: Program Issues
  - Medicare Part D Implementation – Lois Steinbeck/Department Personnel
  - Summary of National Proposal to Change Medicaid Program – Lois Steinbeck
  - Department Budget Status – Lois Steinbeck
  - DPHHS Foster Care and Developmental Disabilities Provider Rate Increases – Pat Gervais
- 2:45 Information Technology Management Update – Acting Chief Information Officer Jeff Brandt
- 3:00 Review of Agency Reports Resulting from Language in HB2 Requesting Performance Updates/Assessment – Taryn Purdy and Staff
- 3:45 Other Reports
  - Budget Amendments – Taryn Purdy and Staff
  - Operating Plan Changes – Taryn Purdy and Staff
  - Other Required Reports – Jon Moe
- 4:30 Committee Suggestions for Reports at December LFC Meeting

## Friday, October 7

- 8:00 Federal Highways Funding Act of 2005 (SAFETEA-LU): What it Contains and What it Means to Montana – Greg DeWitt and MDT Personnel

### **Potential Special Session Issues**

- 8:45 General Fund Update:
- General Fund Status: Fiscal 2005 Actual/2007 Bien. Projected – Terry Johnson
  - Special Session Revenue Estimating Process – Terry Johnson
- 9:45 School Funding Study: Update on Interim Study Action/What are the Issues Facing the Legislature in Potential Special Session? – Jim Standaert/Chris Lohse
- 10:45 Retirement Plans Unfunded Liability: Issues, Laws, and Cost Factors (What are the Issues Facing the Legislature in Potential Special Session?) – Jon Moe
- 11:45 SB 276: Revise Taxes on Bentonite – Lack of Appropriation Authority – Sen. Bales

### **Budget “Pressure Points”**

- 1:00 Wildfire Suppression Costs: Update – Barb Smith
- 1:30 Department of Corrections
- Update on Prison Population Projections/Fiscal Impact - Pat Gervais and Department Personnel
  - Pay Increase for Correctional Officers - Pat Gervais and Department Personnel
- 2:30 Energy Price Increases: Impacts on State Agency Budgets – Taryn Purdy/Greg DeWitt

### **Interim Studies**

- 3:00 Status Report on LFC Interim Subcommittees/Studies
- Resource Indemnity Trust Statutes and Policies – Barb Smith/Rep. Ripley
  - Long Range Building Funding Interim Study Recommendations – Cathy Duncan
  - Performance Management – Barb Smith
- 3:45 Status Reports on Other Interim Study Committees
- Postsecondary Education Policy and Budget Subcommittee – Alan Peura
  - HJR 42: Pension Plans Study – Sen. Bales

### **Administrative**

- 4:15 Committee Business
- 5:00 Adjourn